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Dear Fellow Officer,

Congratulations on your commission and welcome to the Officer Corps of the United States Army. You have volunteered to lead Soldiers in an Army at war. I am proud of you for making that commitment, and eager to help prepare you for such an awesome responsibility.

Our mission at BOLC II is to train, educate, and (most importantly) acculturate you into our Officer Corps in order to develop competent, confident, and adaptable officers able to lead Soldiers in the contemporary operating environment. When you graduate, we hope to have reinforced in you the Army Values, given you an understanding of the culture of Army Officers, and to have contributed to your embodiment of the Warrior Ethos.

Your pre-commissioning BOLC I experience has exposed you to basic Soldier skills. At BOLC II, we will reinforce some of those skills that we consider most critical towards building the Warrior Ethos (i.e., combatives, marksmanship, and physical fitness). Most importantly, we will transition you from a cadet or candidate into an Officer and a Leader. No longer merely in the receive mode as a student--you, lieutenants, will lead and instruct your classmates throughout the course, and you will be coached and evaluated on your leadership by combat-seasoned non-commissioned officers and captains.

Upon completion of BOLC II, you will report to your branch-specific BOLC III course where you will learn the specialized skills that you need to succeed in your first job in the Army. Regardless of your branch, though, you will leave BOLC II with a stronger Warrior Ethos, more comfortable in a fight, and mentally and physically prepared to engage the enemy in close combat and win. We hope that you maintain that which we instill in you throughout your career as an officer and leader of Soldiers.

Again, congratulations. We look forward to your arrival.

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